MR. M. DODDAIAH SETTY (Arsikere—Urban).—

Q.—149. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

The number of darkhasts received for Amrit Mahal Kaval lands and sanctioned for cultivation in the State ?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (*Rajasevaprasakta* B. T. Kesavaiengar).—

A.—The number of applications received and sanctioned 1940-41 is as under :—

District		Number received	Number sanctioned
Bangalore	...	5	1
Tumkur	...	95	43
Mysore	...	2	2
Mandya	...	9	9
Hassan	...	17	5
Kadur	...	851	419
Chitaldrug	...	92	56
Shimoga	...	...	...
Kolar	...	...	...

MR. N. G. RUDRAPPA (Shimoga—Rural).—

Q.—152. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to construct a bridge across the Bhadra river at Holehonnur in Shimoga taluk ;

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken in this matter so far ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).—

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of financing the scheme is under consideration.

MR. TALARI MUNISAMIAH (Mulbagal—Urban).—

Q.—153. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

Whether the municipal authorities of Mulbagal Town have brought to their notice the difficulties which the inhabitants of this town are undergoing for want of drinking water facilities ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. H. V. Narayana Rao).—

A.—The Mulbagal Town Municipal Council requested the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering to prepare a scheme of water supply to the Town. Accordingly several sources have been investigated. But the suitable source from which the supply could be made available is not yet decided. An estimate was however forwarded to the President of the Municipal Council on 11th January 1940 for Rs. 340 for testing the yield of the well in the bed of the Madhavasagara Tank. This amount has not yet been placed at the disposal of the Sanitary Engineer for conducting the experiments.

MR. J. S. KALLAPPA (Jagalur—Rural).—

Q.—161. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that Jagalur Taluk, being a *maidan* land, the average rainfall here does not exceed 20-23 inches every year, and even this much of rain does not fall in some years ; so much so, that the Government tanks in these parts will not be filled up every year and it has been found not possible to cultivate wet and

bagayat crops in these parts and that the raiyats are therefore growing dry crops instead of wet and *bagayat* and yet have got to pay heavy wet assessment on these lands and thereby put to heavy loss ;

(*b*) the number of such cases reported to Government ;

(*c*) in how many such cases have Government taken dry assessment on such lands according to rules (details to be furnished) ;

(*d*) whether it will not be possible for the Taluk Amildar at the time of annual taluk *jamabandi* to inspect the quantity of water stocked in each tank, the number of acres of wet and garden lands that could be irrigated if the available water in stock is utilised for the cultivation, and prepare and send a statement to each taluk recommending in such cases the reduction of wet and garden assessment to dry rates ?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (*Rajasevaprasakta* B. T. Kesavaiengar) —

A.– (*a*) No such instances are reported).

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*) above.

(*c*) Nil.

(*d*) This is not possible. The Amildar generally inspects the tanks in cases where owing to adverse seasonal conditions, recommendations for grant of seasonal remissions have to be made.

MR. G. SHANKARA SETTY (Pavagada—Rural).—

Q.—164. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that, in view of the difficulty felt by the raiyats of this taluk to lift water from deep wells for irrigation purposes, a representation was made to the Dewan Sahib by the public of Pavagada during his visit to the place in August 1938 that electric power may be supplied to the taluk ;

(*b*) whether it has also come to their notice that a further representation was made in this behalf to the Dewan Sahib at Tumkur during his visit with His late Highness in the year 1939 ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Dewan Sahib was pleased to order the departmental authorities to survey the taluk for that purpose ;

(*d*) what action has been taken so far ;

(*e*) in case no action has been taken so far, when action can be taken in the matter in view of the growing necessity for electric power for irrigation purposes in the taluk ?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. Mehkri).—

A. –(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*c*).

(*e*) It is not possible to state when this will be done owing to the present international situation.

MR. P. NARASAPPA (Pavagada—Rural).—

Q.—165. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of tanks, the maintenance works of which were done during the years 1931–32 and 1934–35 ;

(*b*) the amount that was spent for each tank, with the names of the tanks ;